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## REGIONAL CHAMBER ADVOCATES FOR ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY MEASURES FOR EASTERN WASHINGTON BUSINESSES

TRI-CITIES, Wash. – The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce supports additional economic recovery measures at the federal level to help businesses weather the storm as they begin to reopen amid COVID-19.

Chamber President & CEO, Lori Mattson, and Local Government Affairs Committee Chair, Jim Arneson, sent a letter on August 11 to U.S. Senators Patty Murry and Maria Cantwell as well as Congressman Dan Newhouse in support of the following two measures to provide stability in Eastern Washington during the global pandemic:

1. [The Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act](#)
2. An economic stimulus/recovery bill and supplement to the CARES Act that will:
  - Provide employers and industries in distress with opportunities for extended lending/financial aid to keep from permanently shutting down.
  - Limit the weekly extended unemployment insurance benefit to no more than the person was previously making.
  - Provide each state a portion of its actual lost tax revenue to share with counties and cities experiencing COVID related revenue gaps to ensure employees (such as first responders and health care providers) stay on the job.
  - Include liability protections to guard against a flood of lawsuits.
  - Include a measure to tame the federal debt once the crisis has passed.

The letter is available to read on the Chamber's website.

The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce is the catalyst, convener and champion for community and business prosperity. For further details about the Regional Chamber, visit [www.tricityregionalchamber.com](http://www.tricityregionalchamber.com) or call 509.736.0510.

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